Introduced by Assembly Member Swanson

February 24, 2012

An act to amend Section 200 of the Education Code, relating to public education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2633, as introduced, Swanson. Public education: equal rights and opportunities.

Existing law establishes the system of public elementary and secondary schools in this state. Existing law states the policy of the State of California to afford all persons in public schools, regardless of their disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other specified characteristic, equal rights and opportunities in the educational institutions of the state and states that the purpose of related existing law is to prohibit acts that are contrary to that policy and to provide remedies therefor.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the statement of the state policy and purpose of the related existing law.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 200 of the Education Code is amended
- 2 to read:

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1 200. It is the policy of the State of California to afford all persons in the public schools, regardless of their disability, gender, 2 3 gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, 4 religion, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic that is 5 contained in the definition of hate crimes set forth in Section 422.55 of the Penal Code, equal rights and opportunities in all of the 7 educational institutions of the state. The purpose of this chapter is 8 to prohibit acts that are contrary to that policy and to provide remedies-therefor for the commission of those prohibited acts.